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## **Child sex charges lead to King County massage therapist's suspension**

*Charges say man touched patient's son's genitals, molested another young client*

**OLYMPIA** — Multiple child molestation charges have led the state Department of Health to immediately suspend the credential of King County massage therapist Mark Satterlund (MA.00010520). He cannot practice or work as a massage therapist in Washington pending the outcome of a hearing.

Charging documents say Satterlund provided massage therapy to a female client from 2005 until 2010. During this time, he agreed to help the client's son with a school project. While the child was in his care, Satterlund allegedly touched the child's genitals as well as his own. Satterlund is also alleged to have molested a 10-year-old client who was in his care.

Satterlund has 20 days to request a hearing. The charging documents are online; click "Provider Credential Search" on the [agency home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov). They are also available by calling 360-236-4700.

Consumers who believe a health care provider acted unprofessionally are encouraged to call the Department of Health at 360-236-4700 to report their complaint. A [complaint form is also online](http://www.doh.wa.gov/hsqa/ComplaintForms.htm) (www.doh.wa.gov/hsqa/ComplaintForms.htm). The form can be mailed, e-mailed, or faxed to the agency's Health Systems Quality Assurance division.

The Department of Health protects and promotes public health, safety, and welfare in Washington by regulating the competency and quality of health care providers. The agency establishes, monitors, and enforces qualifications for licensing, consistent standards of practice, continuing competency mechanisms, and discipline. Rules, policies, and procedures promote the delivery of quality health care to people in Washington.

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